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BRYAN BOOM IS GROWING

Popularity of Nebraskan Continues to Grow—Politicians Busy Discussing Issues.

OYSTER BAY PROPHECY TOPIC

Roosevelt Has Endorsed the Work of the Present Congress—Democrats Will Make Tariff Revision Campaign Issue.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 27. (Special)—The last week has been one of bewildering, kaleidoscopic changes on the stage of national politics. Opinions expressed and predictions made a week ago are not worth a farthing today. Seven days hence this week's opinions may not have a higher value, though it would seem that some semblance of order is coming out of the chaos that has prevailed.

About the only stable feature of the situation has been Mr. Bryan's presidential boom. The passing of the days has served only to strengthen it, until now his nomination seems as assured as anything in politics possibly can be assured two years in advance of its consummation.

Mr. Bryan is on the high seas, homeward bound. And the democracy is falling over itself in its efforts to acclaim him. Everywhere the name of Bryan is received with enthusiastic shoutings. Nowhere, at least not in any place that really counts, is there a note of discord. Certainly Mr. Bryan has no cause to complain of the hand that fortune has this year dealt him. He has taken his place alongside of Theodore Roosevelt on equal terms as one of the two foremost citizens of the land. The pinnacle is a dizzy one, and Mr. Bryan's friends hope he will be as wise—or as lucky—as has been Mr. Roosevelt in holding on.

Roosevelt's Prophecy.

"You, Mr. Speaker, will be the next President of the United States."—Theodore Roosevelt.

This, which might be termed the prophecy of Oyster Bay, will be hurled at you a great many times and in a great many forms from now on. It will adorn dead walls; it will be emblazoned on buttons bearing the portrait of Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois; pro-Cannon newspapers will place it at the head of their editorial columns; it will appear in the form of transparencies at the next Republican national convention.

For, be it known, the Cannon presidential boom is full-fledged; a lusty, healthy, growing boom that is making other aspirants for the presidency sit up and take notice. And, it would seem, the tender plant was nourished by the hand of Roosevelt.

What of Taft? Mr. Roosevelt's war secretary was supposed to be the presidential choice for the presidential succession. Has he been relegated out of the Roosevelt plans? Has the president decided Taft is not the man who can defeat Bryan in 1908? Or has Taft concluded that he would prefer the certainty of a seat upon the supreme bench to the strenuousness and the uncertainty of a presidential canvass? These are some of the questions politicians are asking themselves and one another. Mr. Roosevelt has had the politicians puzzled a great many times, but he never had them up quite so tall a tree as at present.

Is Roosevelt Playing Double Game?

"It's no use trying to understand the man," said a Western Senator who was here this week, and who is popularly supposed to be committed to the Fairbanks presidential cause. "Some little while ago Mr. Roosevelt gave solemn assurance that neither by act or deed would he attempt in any way to influence the Republican party in the naming of his successor and now he comes forward with what is tantamount to an endorsement of the candidacy of one of the rival aspirants. Don't you find it hard," asked the Western Senator,

with a sudden dropping of the barriers, "to get away from the notion that the President is playing both ends against the middle to serve certain purposes of his own which have to do with 1908."

This little speech fairly represents the state of mind that prevails in the Fairbanks camp. They are sore and resentful toward the President and are loathe. To stir up Mr. Roosevelt to more active opposition is the very last thing the Fairbanks boomers could afford to do. They are convinced the President is secretly hostile to the Indiana man, but they can better afford to have him secretly than openly hostile so they fret and chafe, but are careful not to throw down anything that might be mistaken for a gauntlet.

Joy in Both Camps.

Mr. Roosevelt's letter to Representative Watson of Indiana praising the work of the present Congress has brought joy into both political camps. The Republican Congressmen are joyful because the Roosevelt O. K. brand has been placed upon them and their doings, and they can go home to their constituents and say, "See, this is what the President thinks of us." There isn't any doubt that the Roosevelt letter will prove a tremendous influence favorable to the return of a Republican majority to the next House.

Then, why do you ask, is there Democratic joy? Democrats are joyful because the stand-patters in the Republican party appear to have triumphed over the tariff revisionists, thus vitalizing the tariff as an issue between the parties. When the "Iowa Idea" was cut down by the Iowa Republicans until there was left nothing to distinguish sectionists, far-seeing Democrats pointed

it from the idea of all other high pointed out that it was the beginning of the end of hope that the Republicans would revise the tariff. Now that the President and Speaker Cannon are standing together—and standing pat—on the tariff question, expectancy of revision by any Republican Congress of the present decade must be abandoned.

Republicans have agreed to stand pat, and the manner of the agreement and its announcement is a challenge to the Democrats to make the most of it. Mr. Roosevelt has given unqualified endorsement of the work of the last session in which there was no hint of tariff revision, and he has put forward Speaker Cannon as the probable Republican candidate for President—and Mr. Cannon is a stand-patter of the deepest dye. The meaning is that the Republicans will fight this year's Congressional campaign and the presidential campaign of 1908 on the lines of letting well enough alone, so far as the tariff is concerned.

Tariff a Democratic Doctrine.

That is what Democrats all along have professed to want. It will enable the Democracy to make tariff revision a distinctive Democratic doctrine without going to the length of preaching free trade or even a tariff for revenue only. Had the Republicans adopted as their tariff platform such revision of the schedules as changed conditions make advisable and given a definite promise to do something along that line, Democrats could have attracted no attention by tariff agitation without going to a length that such leaders as John Sharp Williams deem it unwise to go. Now they can choose their own tariff battleground and shape the issue to suit themselves.

The present anxious hope of those Democrats who call themselves "conservative" is that when Mr. Bryan lands in New York he will receive such an impression of the situation as will lead him to make tariff revision the strongest note in the great speech which, it is expected, will settle for the next two years what is and what is not good Democratic doctrine.

Experience of a Rising Young Politician

"YOU find it interesting, do you not, Mr. Klymer," said the young woman with the spectacles and the high forehead, "to watch the variations of the index number from time to time, as recording either the effect of the administration's attitude toward the vested interests of the country or the fluctuations in the standard of value?"

"Er—yes, exceedingly," said the rising young politician.

"The ordinarily accepted opinion, of course, is that a rise or fall of prices is in accordance with the law of supply and demand as relates to commodities in general, but you doubtless have grasped the fundamental idea that these records merely the appreciation or depreciation of the monetary standard, more or less money being required to purchase a given article of merchandise, the variation taking visible form in an apparent increase in the general level of prices? Is it not so?"

"Why—h'm"—

"You hesitate to commit yourself, perhaps on account of questions of policy and expediency, until the alignment of the great parties as to the abstract questions involved has become more sharply defined?"

"Heavens!" he exclaimed half an hour later as he made his escape. "I don't mind a merely intellectual young woman, but this one's a financier and a political economist, and I'm durned if I don't believe she was making fun of me!"—Chicago Tribune.

The Limit.

The stranger halted on the edge of the hobo camp.

"We are so hungry, mister," yawned the lanky hobo in the old tall hat.

"Then why don't you go out and beg at the nearest farmhouse?" asked the stranger.

"We are all so tired no one will volunteer, so we are going to shake dice to see who must perform the painful duty."

"Well, what is the delay?"

"Why, we are waiting for an earthquake, boss, to come along and shake the dice box."—Detroit Free Press.

RAINFALL

The Processes of Nature by Which It Is Produced.

Rain is, as we all know, the moisture of the atmosphere condensed into drops large enough to fall with perceptible velocity to the earth. The variation in the sizes of the drops is dependent upon the difference in the height from which they have fallen and to the amount of atmospheric disturbance present at the time. If they fall from great heights the drops suffer gradual division into smaller and smaller parts until they are at last converted into mists. In calm weather, with the clouds near the earth's surface, the drops are apt to be large and heavy. The formation of rain is in general a continuation or an enlargement of the processes by which clouds and fogs are formed. The deposition of moisture depends upon the cooling of the atmosphere, but concerning the precise process by which the cooling is effected various opinions are entertained even among those who have made meteorology a life study. In considering the matter we have deduced our reckonings from what is considered the best authority on the subject. From this it appears that the temperature of a given mass of warm air is lowered in the ordinary course of atmospheric phenomena by one or the other of the processes mentioned in the following: By radiation to the cold sky, by radiation to the neighboring masses of clouds or the cold ground, by mixture with cool air or by the absorption of heat in the expansion of ascending columns of air. Whatever the process may be, one thing is sure—the cooling must take place before the moisture will collect into drops of sufficient size to cause them to fall from the mass of vapor in which the constituent parts have been floating.

He Was.

"You told me he was a good ladies' horse," angrily said the man who had made the purchase.

"He was," replied the dealer. "My wife owned him, and she's one of the best women I ever knew."—Chicago Record-Herald.

THE THREE GIRDERS, GREATEST ACROBATS ON THE VAUDEVILLE STAGE.—AT THE STAR THEATER



As was anticipated, the Star theater was crowded last evening to witness the first night of the unexcelled vaudeville performance presented by the entire troupe from the Grand theater of Portland. Never in the history of Astoria has there been as enthusiastic an audience and one so well pleased as that of last night. They were kept in roars of laughter from start to finish; astounded and entertained by the wonderful parlor acrobats, the "Three Girdlers," and was the most marvelous exhibition of acrobatics ever seen in Astoria. The farce comedy, "The Hold Up," by John Dunne and Wilhelm Francis Co., exceeded all expectation and created an abundance of amusement. It is certainly a clever piece of acting and keeps the audience convulsed with laughter. Louis Fritz-kow, Comedian and Yodler, certainly made a hit and became a popular favorite in Astoria. As a comedian he has no equal and his part of the entertainment is a show of itself. Lyons & Cullom, singing, dancing and whistling artists, is one of the best teams ever visiting this city and their performance was certainly marvelous, yet entertaining. Margaret Bell delighted the large audience by her rendition of "Since Nellie Went Away," and received an enthusiastic encore. The closing performance performance "Touring the World on a Wave of Laughter," is all that is claimed for it. It is the most laughable rendition ever produced and keeps the audience convulsed with laughter at the grotesque situations and practical jokes played with a slice of limburger cheese. The same performance will be repeated tonight and tomorrow night, and the theater will no doubt be crowded.